

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-42 remain in this application. Claims 1-42 have been rejected. Claims 6 and 27 have been canceled. Claims 43-62 have been added.

II. STATUS OF SUBMITTED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner sign and return to the Applicant IDS forms (PTO-1449) submitted by the applicant on 12/22/03 (pages 1, 3, and 4) and the IDS filed on 9/30/05.

III. CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gupta et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,405,252.

Applicant has attached a rule 1.132 declaration from a named inventor, Eric Sven-Johan Swildens stating that any invention disclosed, but not claimed in the reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,405,252) was derived from the inventor of the present application and is thus not an invention “by another”.

Claims 1-42 are allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Applicants believe that all issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed and that allowance of the pending claims is appropriate. Entry of the amendments herein and further examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408) 414-1214 to discuss any issue that may advance prosecution.

To the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed, the Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to any applicable fees and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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